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## MARCH MILK PRODUCTION

**Kentucky** milk production for March 2008 totaled 115 million pounds, up 12 percent from last month but down 2 percent from March 2007. Average number of milk cows, at 91,000 head, unchanged from last month but down 2 percent from last year. Milk per cow averaged 1,260 pounds, up 130 pounds from last month but unchanged from last year.

Milk production in the **23 major States** during March totaled 15.1 billion pounds, up 2.4 percent from March

2007. February revised production, at 13.9 billion pounds, was up 6.2 percent from February 2007. The February revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,795 pounds for March, 12 pounds above March 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 141,000 head more than March 2007, and 9,000 head more than February 2008.

### MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION FOR MARCH, SELECTED STATES

STATE	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Production <u>2/</u>		2008 as % of 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
CA	1,799	1,846	1,975	1,970	3,553	3,637	102
IL	103	102	1,655	1,640	170	167	98
IN	167	167	1,770	1,730	296	289	98
<b>KY</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>98</b>
MO	115	110	1,370	1,300	158	143	91
OH	275	280	1,560	1,550	429	434	101
VA	100	98	1,570	1,610	157	158	101
WI	1,246	1,251	1,640	1,660	2,043	2,077	102
23 State Total	8,295	8,436	1,783	1,795	14,787	15,144	102

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

### U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, FEBRUARY 2008

PRODUCT	Feb. 2007	Jan. 2008 <u>1/</u>	Feb. 2008	Percent of Feb. 07   Jan. 08	
	(000) Pounds			Percent	
<b>BUTTER</b>	134,171	168,799	146,741	109	87
<b>CHEESE</b>					
American Types <u>2/</u>	305,474	333,952	319,250	105	96
Mozzarella	256,343	281,234	265,440	104	94
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	186,679	197,536	199,407	107	101
Total	748,496	812,722	784,097	105	96
	(000) Gallons			Percent	
<b>FROZEN PRODUCTS</b>					
Ice Cream (Hard)	65,530	63,166	65,987	101	104
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	4,151	3,577	4,046	97	113
<b>MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS</b>					
Ice Cream Mix	36,314	34,548	35,872	99	104
Yogurt Mix	2,516	2,168	2,452	97	113

1/ Revised. 2/ Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. 3/ Includes Swiss, Cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

**Broiler-Type Chicks: Number Hatched by Month, 19 Selected States and United States, 2007**

State	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
AL	112,842	101,237	113,341	112,044	115,972	112,284	115,396
AR	101,961	92,053	102,806	100,668	106,622	103,828	103,993
DE	14,425	12,987	14,732	14,601	15,386	15,002	15,728
FL	4,982	4,587	5,007	4,990	5,108	4,834	5,029
GA	124,677	111,847	125,524	123,523	129,205	125,317	127,616
KY	27,631	25,665	27,469	27,259	28,775	28,039	27,947
LA	13,602	12,419	14,310	14,176	14,523	14,146	14,479
MD	31,121	27,770	31,705	31,455	32,545	31,596	32,038
MS	67,149	62,342	70,717	69,012	70,629	68,823	70,283
NC	69,015	61,954	71,172	70,018	73,185	70,701	71,976
OK	25,776	23,139	25,792	25,336	26,018	25,271	24,934
PA	14,372	12,581	14,142	13,833	14,528	14,026	14,267
SC	19,829	17,680	19,720	18,814	20,299	19,906	19,694
TX	52,917	47,664	54,814	54,838	56,440	55,483	56,251
VA	23,122	20,513	22,726	23,119	24,236	23,305	23,662
CA, MO, TN & WV	71,969	64,814	73,912	72,041	75,344	72,058	71,806
19 Sts <sup>1</sup>	775,390	699,252	787,889	775,727	808,815	784,619	795,099
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	20,743	22,764	21,457	23,566	26,958	23,710	23,884
US 2007	796,133	722,016	809,346	799,293	835,773	808,329	818,983
US 2006	804,371	732,222	816,811	786,271	810,640	787,870	800,585
2007 as % of 2006	99	99	99	102	103	103	102

State	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
AL	119,091	111,529	114,562	104,849	119,224	1,352,371
AR	104,740	100,266	100,360	92,972	105,700	1,215,969
DE	15,564	14,402	15,035	14,673	15,311	177,846
FL	5,051	4,820	5,069	4,881	4,974	59,332
GA	127,754	120,701	121,892	117,165	125,585	1,480,806
KY	28,323	26,696	27,315	24,272	27,580	326,971
LA	14,597	14,459	14,693	14,168	14,469	170,041
MD	31,977	30,592	31,281	29,870	31,449	373,399
MS	69,419	64,871	65,744	64,865	69,754	813,608
NC	72,944	67,887	70,218	68,594	72,070	839,734
OK	25,545	25,126	25,812	24,122	24,132	301,003
PA	14,331	14,704	15,168	14,251	15,257	171,460
SC	20,429	19,029	19,853	18,363	19,468	233,084
TX	55,741	52,932	52,666	51,926	56,004	647,676
VA	23,409	22,602	22,498	22,075	23,372	274,639
CA, MO, TN & WV	71,627	68,965	70,822	67,873	73,314	854,545
19 Sts <sup>1</sup>	800,542	759,581	772,988	734,919	797,663	9,292,484
Oth Sts <sup>2</sup>	26,057	22,571	21,858	25,114	23,618	282,300
US 2007	826,599	782,152	794,846	760,033	821,281	9,574,784
US 2006	808,682	771,498	770,745	729,080	795,295	9,414,070
2007 as % of 2006	102	101	103	104	103	102

<sup>1</sup>/States in the weekly hatchery estimating program. <sup>2</sup>/Not published separately to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.09 billion pounds in March, up 2 percent from the 4.01 billion pounds produced in March 2007. March 2007 contained 22 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. March 2008 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.10 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, down 2 percent from March 2007. The average live weight was up 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,276 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.96 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.66 million head, up 5 percent from March 2007. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 271 pounds.

### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES & KENTUCKY <sup>1/</sup>

Type	March 2007	February 2008	March 2008	March 08 % of	
				March 2007	February 2008
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,118.2	*2,038.9	2,102.7	99	103
Veal	13.5	11.0	11.2	83	102
Pork	1,861.0	1,902.6	1,962.9	105	103
Lamb & Mutton	19.6	15.0	16.0	82	107
Total U.S.	4,012.4	3,967.6	4,092.9	102	103
Total Kentucky	47.7	45.0	49.5	104	110

<sup>1/</sup> Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. \* Revised.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. MARCH 2007 & 2008 <sup>1/</sup>

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
<b>Kentucky</b>						
Cattle	1.6	1.7	1,505	1,541	946	929
Hogs	234.3		61,991		265	
Sheep & Lambs	0.8	0.8	104	108	133	127
<b>United States</b>						
Cattle	2,793.0	2,730.9	3,505,279	3,473,012	1,260	1,276
Hogs	9,201.7	9,661.6	2,485,278	2,616,784	270	271
Sheep & Lambs	279.5	230.9	39,139	32,122	140	139

<sup>1/</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

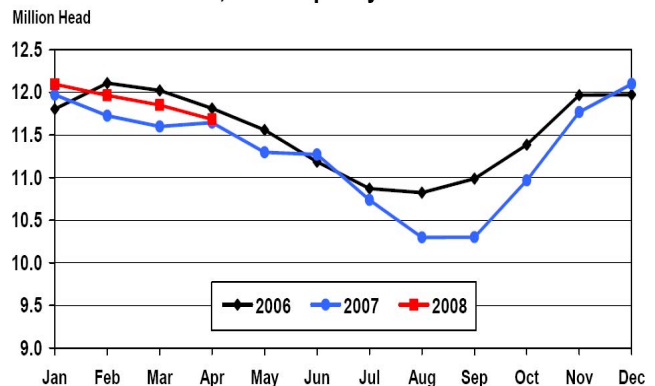
## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.7 million head on April 1, 2008. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2007 but 1 percent below April 1, 2006. This is the second highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. The inventory included 7.35 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.28 million head, up 3 percent from 2007.

**Placements** in feedlots during March totaled 1.74 million, 11 percent below 2007 and 5 percent below 2006. Net placements were 1.67 million head. This is the second lowest placements for the month of March since the series began in 1996. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 335,000, 600-699 pounds were 330,000, 700-799 pounds were 561,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 510,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during March totaled 1.84 million, slightly below 2007 and 6 percent below 2006. **Other disappearance** totaled 63,000 during March, 12 percent below 2007 and 30 percent below 2006.

**United States Cattle on Feed  
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



## COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 2008 were greater than year earlier levels for pork, chicken, turkey, and butter.

All U S. Warehouse Stocks				Mar 08 as % of	
Commodity	Mar 31 2007	Feb 29 2008	Mar 31 2008	Mar 2007	Feb 2008
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	600,866	760,831	789,372	131	104
Turkey	346,784	416,694	430,506	124	103
Ducks	5,660	5,228	4,197	74	80
Total Frozen Poultry	953,310	1,182,753	1,224,075	128	103
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	427,188	424,124	424,068	99	100
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	55,160	79,282	98,984	179	125
Total Frozen Pork <u>1/</u>	494,761	605,718	657,106	133	108
Total Meat <u>2/</u>	943,521	1,054,106	1,103,897	117	105

1/ Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 2/ Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

## UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type		Mar. 2007	Mar. 2008	Mar. 08 % of Mar. 07
<b>Egg Production</b>				
Eggs Produced	(Million)	7,806	7,675	98
Average Layers	(000)	348,201	342,040	98
Eggs Per 100 Layers		2,242	2,244	100
<b>Egg Type Hatchery</b>				
Eggs Set Apr. 1	(000)	38,226	37,624	98
Chicks Hatched	(000)	38,561	39,547	103
<b>Broiler Type Hatchery</b>				
Eggs Set Apr. 1	(000)	668,290	673,687	101
Chicks Hatched	(000)	809,346	832,899	103

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